

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 14, 2015

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Mary Makley Wolff called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferry called the roll and present were Mary Makley Wolff, Karl Schultz, and Ken Tracy.

Fire Chief Steve Kelly introduced two architects from MSA, noting they have been working on the new Station 29, and will be presenting two options for the new station. Mr. Nestor Melnyk and Mr. Dwayne Boso came forward to discuss the exterior aesthetics of the new building. They presented two design styles, one design that is contemporary with a flat roof and one is more traditional with a gable roof. The architects asked the Board for direction with this project. The architects also discussed budget noting when they first started the project, in 2011, they understood there was a 2.5 million dollar total project budget which would make a 2.1 million dollar construction cost of the building. The rest would be permits, testing and overhead fees totaling 2.5 million. They have reduced space of the building, discussed two bays instead of three and cut costs where they could but with the economy today the costs have risen and it's very difficult for them to meet that 2.1 budget. With site work, utility work, mechanical, electrical and plumbing, structural and a five percent contingency they are realistically looking at 2.685 million to build a two bay station and 2.9 million to build a three bay station. The Board asked about the maintenance of a flat roof and they were told the flat roofs of today are much better than they were in the past. The Board advised the most important issue is cost and asked the architects to bring a third option of a 2.1 million dollar building.

Mr. Wright advised in July 2011 the Board approved an Enterprise Zone agreement for Consolidated Neuro Supply, Inc. for a period of seven years for a new facility that was to be completed by July 2014. The agreement also states the "no exemptions shall commence after December 31, 2014, nor extend beyond December 31, 2020. The Certificate of Occupancy was not issued until February 3, 2015. The County and Township staffs are recommending that the amendment be approved to state "no exemption shall commence after December 31, 2015 nor extend beyond December 31, 2020." While the company will lose one year of their exemption, if we don't amend it, they don't get any abatement at all. Adele Evans with the County Department of Community Planning and Development is in attendance to answer questions regarding the Enterprise Zone Agreement. Mr. Wright advised there will be a resolution for the Board's consideration at the business meeting.

Mr. Wright advised that Mr. Musselman applied for a grant for Ohio Public Works Commission dollars to pay for 79% of the costs for the Dry Run Road landslide project and after a competitive process our grant was approved. The project is estimated to cost \$95,000 and The OPWC grant will pay for up to \$75,050. The Township will provide a local match of \$19,950. Mr. Wright will have a resolution for the Board's consideration at the business meeting.

Police Chief Sue Madsen requested the Board offer Conditional Employment to Kevin Rogers for full time Police Officer due to the retirement of Officer Rob Bradford. The Board stated they would do it at the business meeting.

Mr. Elliff explained amendments to the Property Maintenance Code with regard to the "Civil Citation" process. A copy of the PMC with the strike outs and new language was given to the Board for review and consideration at the January 2016 business meeting.

Mr. Elliff explained the Ohio Department of Transportation is requiring the Board adopt a resolution regarding sidewalks in their right of way and the Township accepting responsibility for the sidewalk. This provides ODOT the Township's commitment that should the adjoining property owner somehow be unavailable or otherwise unable to take that responsibility, then the Township would. Mr. Elliff noted the Ohio Revised Code states when a sidewalk is in the adjoining right of way the adjoining property owner is responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Elliff is requesting the Board adopt this resolution at the business meeting.

Ms. Wolff opened the public hearing for the 2016 Annual Township Budget. Mr. Wright presented the budget to the Board going by funds. Mr. Wright noted they added look-back years and where they feel the Township will be at the end of 2016. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the budget with each department head discussing their department's budget. The Board asked departments to look at grants for other revenues, to make adjustments and to cut things absolutely not needed. The Board thanked staff for their work on the budget. Staff will make the adjustments.

Mr. Tracy made a motion to set a special meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. to review the adjustments to the 2016 budget and any other business to come before the Board, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting “AYE”.

Public Comment: NONE

The public hearing was closed.

Executive Session: Mr. Schultz made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, and to consider the purchase or sale of property pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, and preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code, and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance which is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting “AYE”.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Tracy with all voting “AYE”.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson